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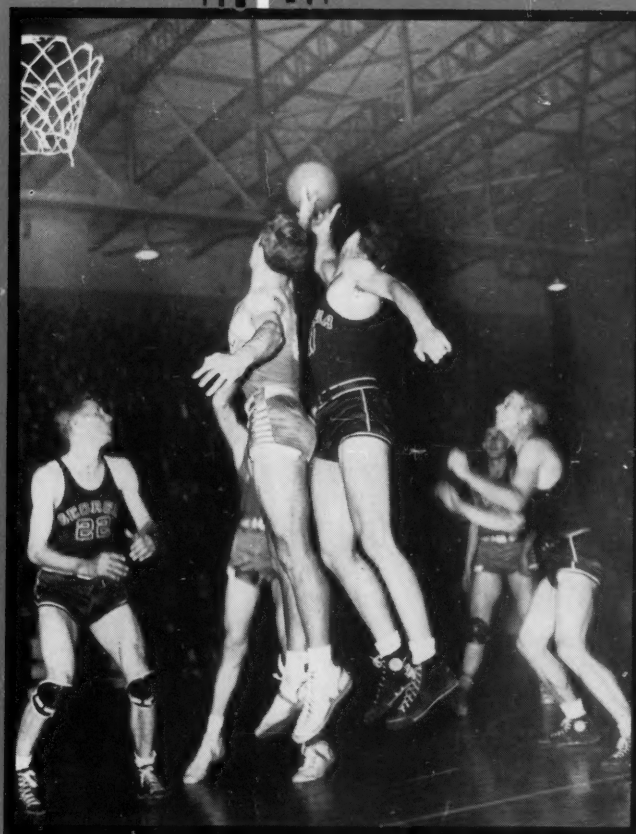
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# Spring Football

By W. A. ALEXANDER

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Spring or winter football is of value for three reasons:

1. It enables the coach to digest his material before the opening game in the fall.

2. It is a good time to experiment with plays, thus fixing the offense before the regular season.

3. It is a good out of the season conditioner for the boy who plays only football.

Coaches differ as to the time and length of this spring session. In this part of the country most coaches use part of January, February and March for this work. Six weeks is about the average length of time devoted to this practice. Practice at this time interferes with basketball and also the early training period for baseball and track. It is also close enough to the regular season to be distasteful to some boys who have had their fill of football in the fall. The weather is uncertain and certainly often disagreeable.

Here at Tech we are planning to start our practice this year on the 8th of April and will run five or six weeks. The weather will be better, the past season further away and the boys will be in better condition when they leave for home in June. We propose to excuse any boy who can actually make a regular position on the baseball or track team. Any boy that is a good enough athlete to play both football and baseball or football and track has enough athletic skill to make the loss of spring football a minor incident. The boy who really benefits from spring football is the clumsy type that needs additional practice to speed up his athletic reactions. This plan will also benefit the basketball, baseball and track teams.

The work in the spring should be nearly entirely devoted to improving individual weakness in some department of play. If the punting has been weak the past fall it would be



W. A. ALEXANDER

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**Coach W. A. Alexander, who works black magic with the Yellow Jackets, was selected as the coach who did the outstanding coaching job last season. He is thorough and sound in his methods and is not afraid to try something new. The new things he tries usually work. His ideas on Spring Football Practice, outlined in this article, will be of interest to all football coaches.**

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logical to give several of the best prospects long hours of punting practice. If one of your good offensive backs is a weak tackler, then this boy should do several hundred tackles in the spring. We think it a good idea to try and list the individual weaknesses before practice ever starts so as to be sure that the necessary fundamentals are stressed.

Spring is the time for group work. The linemen can spend many afternoons learning blocking, tackling, breaking through, pulling out in interference and the 1,000 and 1 stunts necessary to good play. The backs can practice passing, catching punts, spinning, tackling and blocking.

We do not think it necessary or advisable to use all of the plays in the spring that we will attempt in the fall. Work as experiment on a few new plays or try and improve a few of the old ones in a few short scrimmages but as a whole leave team offense out of the picture.

In the fall it is difficult to find the necessary time for long pass defense drills; this work in the spring will improve the passing, pass catching and the defense. It is a good idea to let the guard and tackles work on blocking for the passer and rushing the passer during the time the backs and ends work on pass defense and offense.

Probably one of the greatest benefits of spring work is conditioning exercises to strengthen the knees, ankles, back, neck and shoulders. This is accomplished by the daily setting up exercises. Hopping up and down on the toes is excellent for the ankles. The duck walk is a good knee strengthener, climbing a bank is also good for knees and ankles, bending exercises for the back, arms thrust and the windmill for the shoulders and the bridge for the neck. This is a good time to measure all the boys so that the uniforms will fit in the fall.



# Tournament Play

By FORREST C. ALLEN

Basketball Coach, Kansas University

Preparing a team and handling a team in tournament play is a highly specialized job even for a seasoned coach. A successful tournament team is necessarily one in which first-class reserves are plentiful. I have seen league championship teams fall by the wayside in tournament play primarily on account of the lack of capable substitutes. Therefore, the coach must at all times conserve the strength of his entire squad.

Four important items stand out forcibly in handling a tournament team, namely: (1) conditioning, (2) diet, (3) rest and sleep, (4) play.

1. Conditioning. Only extremely light work-outs should be held for one week prior to the tournament. A complete heart check-up as well as a urinalysis should be made upon each man. For some time past accumulated evidence indicates that the giving of vitamin B compound, glycine and dextrose would aid in restoring cardiac reserve when it is lost through various types of disease. Experience has shown the wisdom in such practice. If this improvement can be brought about in exhausted hearts from disease, why would it not be possible to improve cardiac reserve in those who are under great physical and emotional strain? One capsule of betulin compound three times daily after meals is also indicated. A tablespoonful of dextrose sugar in a glass of lemonade ten minutes before game time and between halves will aid a fatigued athlete. And a tablespoonful of glycine three times daily will further reduce the cardiac strain of the competing player.

2. Diet. Adhere to three B's—boiled, baked and broiled foods upon all occasions. Melba toast or hard rolls should be the staff of life content. Celery, lettuce and plenty of vegetables should be eaten at all times, the pre-game meal being the only exception. The after-game diet should be dairy dishes, soups and all of the ice cream that a fellow can eat. Milk is indicated except prior to game time. I invariably permit the boys to eat all of the chilled grapefruit that they desire after a strenu-



FORREST C. ALLEN

**Dr. Forrest C. Allen, director of physical education and varsity basketball coach of the University of Kansas, has had the longest period of service of any collegiate basketball coach. His keen knowledge of the game, his enthusiasm and his dynamic personality have carried his teams to twenty-one championships in his twenty-seven years of coaching. Dr. Allen is in demand as a speaker and instructor in summer coaching schools and is the author of "Better Basketball," one of the best books ever written on the sport.**

ous game. Athletes often confuse thirst and hunger. If much citrus fruit is consumed then less solids are eaten, with the result that the player enjoys a good night's rest. The coach or trainer should insist that each player drink at least three

quarts of water daily, thereby aiding in the elimination of waste materials from the body.

3. Rest and sleep. In tournament play each player should have a separate bed to himself, if possible. If not, fresh linen should be supplied daily because of the soothing effect upon the boys. None of the athletes should be permitted to witness any of the opponents in action because of the fear complex or the over-confidence virus that sometimes infests the players. Hot water shower baths should never be used on a tournament team because of its enervating effect. Rather, tepid water with a good brisk Turkish towel rubdown, augmented with an alcohol rub to the entire body is indicated. The alcohol is stimulating and soothing to the sensory nerves of the body and induces rest and brings on sleep and relaxation.

4. Play. If possible a coach should substitute often, giving the young players intermittent rest. It is the continuous strain on a young player that completely diminishes his reserve strength. Heredity, natural resourcefulness and the age of the youngster are the determiners upon which the coach charts his substitution course.

There is a mental elixir called esprit de corps which the coach uses upon his athletes both individually and collectively. If he has made his team believe that "a winner never quits and a quitter never wins," and if they feel with him this time-worn truism:

"If you think you're beaten, you are;  
If you think that you dare not, you don't.

If you'd like to win but think you can't,

It's almost a cinch you won't.  
For out in the world you'll find

Success begins with a fellow's will;  
It's all in the state of mind."

Then, and only then, will truly great teams be born.

Remember this—when two men meet on the street, one assumes the dominant and the other the recessive attitude. When two teams meet on

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# Abbreviated Football

By KURT W. LENSER

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The spring and summer of 1934 found Stephen Epler, coach of the Chester, Nebraska, high school, devising a set of rules for a variation of the eleven-man football game which would be practicable for small schools.

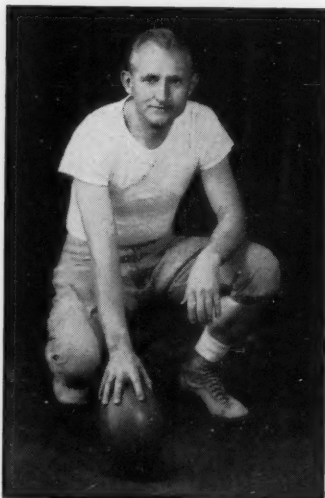
Chester was a typical school in a rural community, with an enrollment of approximately one hundred students.

Eleven-man football had been dropped from the calendar of school sports after several years of pathetic existence. The expense of equipping twenty-two or more players for regular football had been too great. Some years there were not enough boys to meet requirements and immature boys were drafted to complete the eleven. Injuries occurred to the smaller and weaker boys, and parents frowned upon football.

Epler reasoned that any small school would be able to play football if only six players were required on a team, and the rules of the regulation game modified to reduce the possibility of injuries.

The first game of six-man football was played at Hebron, Nebraska, the evening of September 26, 1934. Several schools around Chester had indicated interest in the six-man idea, but were reluctant to invest money in equipment for an experiment with the untried game. Coach W. H. Roselius of Hebron College generously volunteered to lend suits, equipment, and field to the interested schools for one evening.

The game was widely advertised and approximately a thousand curious spectators were on hand when the two sextets lined up for the opening kickoff. Chester and Hardy joined forces to form the "Hardchest" team, and Belvidere and Alexandria combined for the opposing "Belalex" squad. So evenly matched were the two teams that the game ended in a tie, 19-19. Jack Sloey, Belalex fullback, thrilled the crowd in the dying moments of the game when he scampered forty yards through a broken field for the trying touchdown. A team representing Hebron Academy battled the eleven-man reserves from



KURT LENSER

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**Coach Lenser is football coach at Stratton, Nebraska, where his team won the championship in the Frenchman Valley League last season. He is author of "Practical Six-Man Football," one of the most popular books on the sport. He is a member of the National Six-Man Football Advisory Board, and is in demand as instructor in summer coaching schools.**

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Beatrice high school to a scoreless tie in a short six-man game played between halves of the main tussle.

Players, coaches, and fans were well satisfied with their first taste of six-man football. News of the game spread. Several other states, including Iowa and the Dakotas, became six-man football minded, and by the close of the 1934 season, there were approximately fifty schools playing the abbreviated game.

The last grid season, 1939, saw 4,000 schools participating in six-man football. The game was played

not only in the United States, but also in Canada, Hawaii, China, and Cuba.

Six-man is not only a school game—many other groups are using it successfully. Recreation programs, physical education classes, intramural groups, small junior colleges, and Boy Scouts are finding six-man the ideal game for fall competition.

Many eleven-man coaches, both college and high school, are using six-man football as a developer of reserve material for their varsity teams.

The rules of six-man football are based upon the eleven-man code, with modifications to make the game safer for the boys who play it, and more open features for the enjoyment of both players and spectators.

Fundamentally, six and eleven-man football are the same. Blocking and tackling are as important in six as in eleven-man ball. Six-man players know that with only twelve contestants on the field their every move is noticeable and missed blocks and tackles will mean merciless razzing after the game.

Blocking in six-man football is largely of the man-for-man type, with the two-on-one block of the eleven-man game seldom used. The shoulder and cross-body blocks are commonly employed—the former in close line play and the latter against moving opponents in the open field.

Most six-man tackling is of the open-field variety, with the side tackle used in the majority of play situations. In six-man football the defensive player represents 17 per cent of the defense, and teammates find it more difficult to cover up a weak player than in the eleven-man game, where each player is only 9 per cent of the defensive strength.

The problems of the six-man coach are in many respects different from those of the eleven-man mentor. In small schools he is not only the coach of all sports, but carries a full teaching load, and serves in an administrative capacity as well. He is usually assigned the task of making the athletic program pay its own way. Fortunate is the mentor in a school where the board of education consid-

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# Basket Shooting

By JOE DAVIS

Basketball Coach, Clemson College



JOE DAVIS

The hardest fundamental to correctly describe is basket shooting. To know and teach the correct method, if there is such, is indeed difficult. It is to basketball as hitting is to baseball. As in baseball, there are some basic fundamentals that are necessary but I do not believe you can insist on each member of your squad making the shots exactly alike or rather as near alike as humanly possible. We believe if a boy can consistently hit his shots to allow him to shoot his natural way. Now if we find members of the squad that are poor shots, then we attempt to improve them. Sometimes we are successful, but most of the time we can not see very much improvement.

Some of the methods we use to improve basket shooting are mentioned and described below. It is our contention that the first thing to do is strengthen the wrist of the individual. In order to do this, we have stuffed several old basketballs to use as med-

icine balls. We fill these to about five or six pounds. Then, we start the squad in early season practice every night with a ten-minute drill of handling this ball with their wrists and fingers. In order to assure ourselves that they won't use the body we make them sit on the floor and pass this back and forth. We follow this by changing to the regulation basketball and have them handle this for several minutes with the wrist and fingers alone.

Then, we try to get every practice as near game condition as possible, so we start the shooting from in close—dividing the squad up to three men on a side and match them with another three-man team of as near equal skill as possible to select. We play the game of 21 that we all use or play some. This seems to add some little touch of competition that is lacking if an individual just shoots at baskets. Over half of our shooting practice alone is done within the fifteen-foot area. While these games are going on we stand in close watching each individual's technique. We are always surprised to find out how many scarcely look at the basket, and the hardest fault to correct seems to be to make the individual keep his eyes focused on the basket. They like to follow the flight of the ball.

It is our contention that the average player shooting leaves the spot on the floor from which he shot too quickly. We feel the shot should be released and well on the way to the basket before the follow-up is started. In order to correct this, we have five or six men around the basket—approximately the same distance from the basket—and have them shoot and stand still, using a couple of other men to follow. In order to make a game of it, we call some number, and the first to make that many successful shots wins. We feel that this drill alone does much for grooming a player's set shot.

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# Duke-Durham Tournament

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The tournament is sponsored by the Durham Junior Chamber of Commerce with the cooperation of Duke University. As in 1939, invitations will be extended to eight outstanding Southern High School teams, preferably the Class A champions of Southern States.

Competing in the first annual tournament were: Eastern High of Washington, D. C., champions of the District of Columbia; Petersburg High of Petersburg, Va., runners-up in the state; Durham High of Durham, N. C., state champions; Central High of Charlotte, N. C., runners-up in the state; Parker High of Greenville, S. C., one of the outstanding teams of the state; Charleston High of Charleston, S. C., one of the outstanding teams of the state; Lanier High of Macon, Ga., state champions; and Mossville High of Mossville, Miss., state champions.

Durham High, with an exceptional high school team, was winner of the 1939 tournament, and Eastern High was runner-up.

Handsome trophies are awarded to the winning school, to the runner-up school, to the high-scoring player, to the outstanding player, and to the individual players on the winning and runner-up teams.

Officiating is done by veteran Southern Conference officials, the ablest officials in this area.

All expenses of competing teams of eleven men are paid by the tournament after arrival in Durham, including hotel accommodations, meals, and entertainment. In addition to providing fair competition in the tournament, nothing is left undone to see that every boy enjoys his stay in Durham.

The games of the 1940 tournament will be played in the new Duke University gymnasium, the largest and most complete in the South and one of the largest in the country.

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### *The American Way*

In presenting trophies at the conclusion of the Macon News-Mercer basketball tournament, Dr. Spright Dowell made the following remarks: "If we pause to reflect for a moment on the desolating and destructive dream of world events abroad, our hearts must glow with pride and gratitude that we are Americans, that a tournament which nowhere else in the world was possible has been held here, that government support, free public schools, and youth participation are the unique contribution of a democracy like ours. A great statesman has said that the American public school is the greatest discovery ever made by the mind of man. Equality of opportunity, individual freedom and initiative, fair play, and an educated citizenry are precious and priceless prizes that we as patriotic American citizens must pass on and propagate.

"Over here we have contests, competition, and cooperation. Over there they have conflict, conquest, and carnage. Over there individuality is swallowed up in subserviency, slavery and serfdom. Over here in our homes, our schools, and our churches the divine rights and responsibilities of the individual and of society are cultivated and cherished.

"You who have participated in these games have made a distinctive contribution to the spirit of fair play, of cooperation of skill and of good sportsmanship, and in behalf of Mercer University with its impressive history of more than a hundred years, I present to the winner and to the third place teams, respectively, these trophies, these symbols of triumph, with the very earnest hope that your performances and achievements in the future, both individual and group, will be altogether in keeping with what we may properly expect in the light of the record you have made."

In America the fighting instinct is directed along wholesome lines. It is released through channels that develop cooperation, loyalty, and sportsmanship. The fighting instinct as released through sports develops the participant physically, socially and morally. Do we appreciate the American tradition?

### *Henry Crisp*

Coach Henry Crisp has been granted a leave of absence from the University of Alabama for the purpose of regaining his health. Friends and alumni of Alabama ardently hope that the "indefinite period" will be short. To those who have been at the Capstone, it is difficult to visualize "Bama" without "Hank" Crisp. He was brought there in 1920 by his former coach, Charles A. Bernier. Since that time he has served in almost every capacity in the athletic department. He has served as equipment man, trainer, track coach, baseball coach, football line coach, basketball coach, and athletic director. During all this period of 19 years he has put his great heart and energy completely into his work, and has greatly enriched the tradition of a great University. He well deserves a rest—as long a period as he needs!

The question that concerns many is, "What will Alabama do without him?" They will never get another "Hank" Crisp at Alabama—there has never been and will never be another! That's why it is wise to rest the one they now have. We all wish for him a speedy and complete recovery!

### *Bill White*

The announcement of Bill White's appointment as coach of Howard College came as no surprise to those who know him. He had been prominently mentioned for several other such positions. It is a fine tribute to the man and his work. Former President Coolidge was once asked what he considered the secret of his success. He replied that he had always done to the best of his ability each task that had been assigned to him. That is the reason White was selected for the Howard job. He had done well each high school assignment he had accepted. No one will be selected for the "big job" who has not done well in the performance of the small duties. Coach White is past president of the Alabama High School Coaches Association and has been a leader in the organization of prep athletics in that state. His many friends are glad to see him get his chance in the higher league, and they believe he will deliver.

Is the jump from high school to college coaching getting easier? The gap does seem to be narrowing. After all, if a high school coach takes his work seriously and learns well the things he should, why wouldn't he make a good coach in college circles? Conditioning of players, treatment of injuries, care of equipment and all the fundamental techniques are the same in high school and college coaching. If a man can organize his work successfully in high school, he should be able to do the same in college with more to work with.



# Touchdown Club Jamboree

By **ED DANFORTH**  
Sports Editor, Atlanta Journal



ED DANFORTH

Such a gathering of famous coaches and newspapermen never was seen in Atlanta as the one evoked from north, south, east and west for the first annual jamboree of the Atlanta Touchdown Club Friday, January 19.

Everett Strupper, retiring president, needed a vacation when it was all over. He departed loaded with fine words of appreciation from every man who attended, not to mention a handsome bit of silver as a memento of his term as chief executive.

Elmer Layden, head coach of Notre Dame, was the chief speaker and central figure of the visiting coaches. Howard Ector, Georgia Tech's great quarterback, was on hand to receive the first award of the club as the season's most valuable player. The gathering of famous figures in coaching and in sports writing was the most notable Atlanta ever entertained.

The party started . . . well, skip the night before . . . at noon Friday with a buffet luncheon at the Atlanta Athletic Club. There a story telling contest was held in which Coaches W. A. Alexander, of Georgia Tech, and Harry Mehre, of Ole Miss.; Sportswriters O. B. Keeler of the *Atlanta Journal* and Fred Russell of the *Nashville Banner* competed. Coach Alexander won the trophy by popular acclaim. It was a bottle of hair tonic. The story was . . . better call

on Alex for it in private.

Mayor Bill Hartsfield, the No. 1 cyclorama fan of our town, took everybody out to see the painting and they came back through zero weather to the Varsity Club rooms in whose modernistic elegance it was possible to thaw out in a hurry.

The big show was at 7 o'clock in the Ansley Hotel. Only 725 out of 3200 ticket applications could be honored. Toastmaster Strupper cracked his whip. The Mayor spoke delightfully. So did Wallace Wade, of Duke, who said kind things about Atlanta and Georgia Tech. O. B. Keeler presented Ector with the massive trophy. Then Layden turned on his personality and entranced the throng with quip and epigram for all too short a time.

After intermission the banquet hall was transformed into a movie theater where full play by play films of the four Bowl games were shown. Bill Britton, of Tennessee, furnished the sound and fury for the Tennessee-Trojan Rose Bowl game. The screen then moved to Dallas where the Cotton Bowl game between Clemson and Boston College was shown with Jess Neely convulsing the crowd with his comments. Red Dawson, of Tulane, was wired for sound for the Tulane-A. & M. game in New Orleans and as a final smash the Tech-Missouri Orange Bowl game in full technicolor was shown by Cameraman Roy Mundorff with Bobby Dodd supplying the talk.

Such a gathering of prominent sportsmen required a tremendous lot of engineering and President Strupper is to be congratulated on the success of the party.

Among the other prominent coaches and newspapermen introduced were: Frank Howard, of Clemson; Frank Thomas, of Alabama; Josh Cody, of Florida; Doc Newton, of North Carolina State; Rex Enright, of South Carolina; Frank Murray, of Virginia; Lake Russell, of Mercer; Zipp Newman, Birmingham News; Bob Phillips, Birmingham Age Herald; Jake Wade, Charlotte Observer; Scoop Latimer, Greenville News; Pat Moulton, Mobile Register; Earl Ruby, Louisville Courier-Journal; Albert Gelders, Macon Telegraph; Abe Fennell, Columbia State, and Felton Gordon, Columbus Ledger.

# National Amateur Tournament

By **BOB GREENAWAY**  
Director of Publicity  
American Basketball Congress

During the past several years the southern section of the United States has been stepping to the front as a basketball center, and through the promotion of independent activities by the American Basketball Congress in its tournament of state champions, Atlanta is fast reaching the peak in this connection.

In the early fall of 1938, a group of local sportsmen hit upon the idea of staging a national net gathering in the City of Atlanta for the following season. Twenty state commissioners were appointed by the governing body, and with the help of these men, sixteen representatives were brought together at the sports arena in the Gate City to fight for national honors.

Practically every section of the country had a team in the initial tourney with squads coming from the far regions of the Northwest in the form of the Athletic Round Table of Spokane, Wash., and the Phantoms of Bismarck, N. D. The eastern seaboard was represented by Tom's Lunch from Portland, Me. From Dallas, Texas, came Sammy's Place, the ultimate winner of the first title of the A. B. C. Trenton, N. J., a group of small but clever performers, after scoring tremendous upsets in each of the first three rounds of play, proved no match for the Texans in the finals and were humbled by a 78 to 31 count. Brown Froman Distillery of Louisville, Ky., took down third position by defeating the North Dakota quint 67 to 42.

Though the initial venture of the Congress was a success as far as establishing a national titleholder was concerned, inclement weather played a large part in financial failure. Three of the four days used in running the gathering found Jupiter Pluvius holding the upper hand, but work was started anew in the fall of 1939 by President Tommy Reeder, and at the present writing some twenty-six states have commissioners who are staging elimination tournaments and will send representatives to the second annual meet here in Atlanta which will be held at the new Henry Grady field house from February 26 through March 1.

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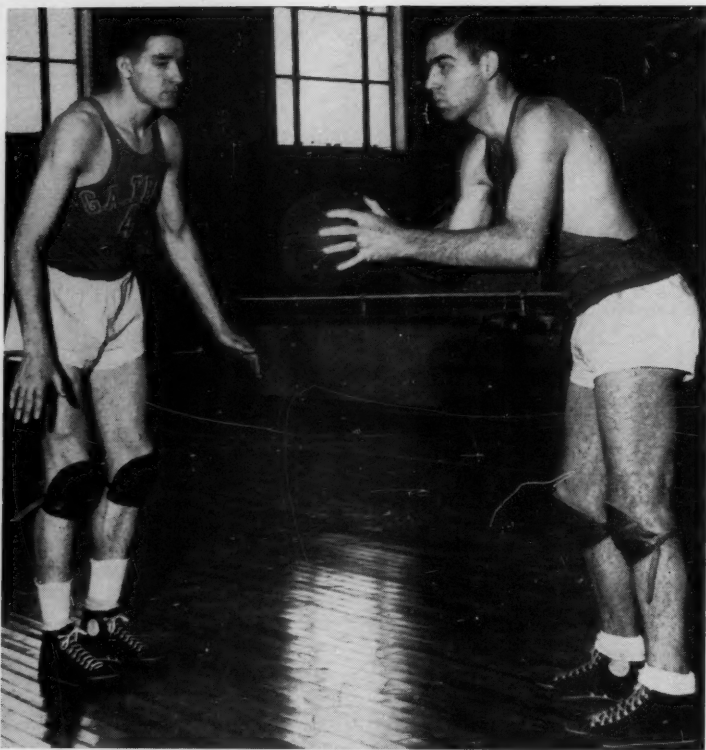


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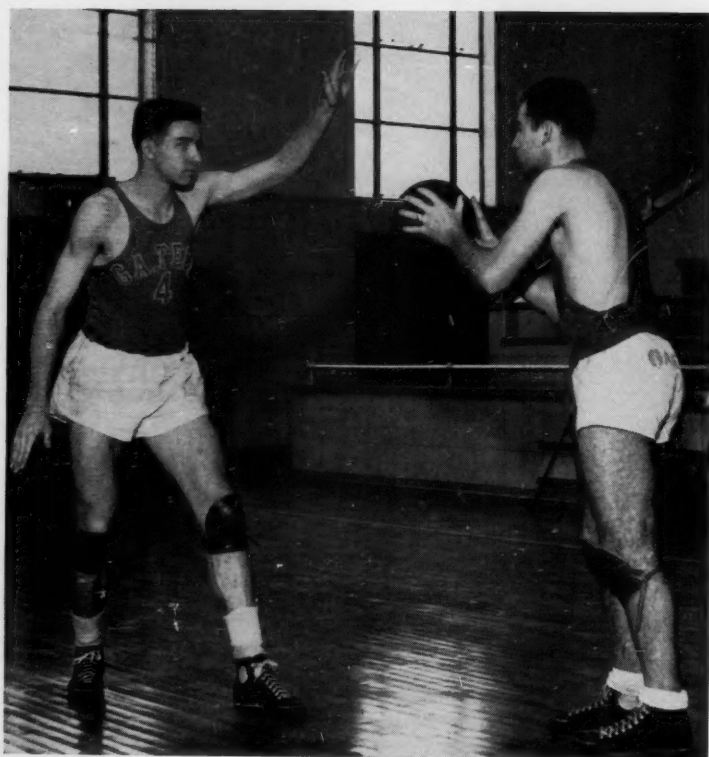


ILLUSTRATION No. 2

## Correct Footwork

By ROY MUNDORFF,  
Basketball Coach,  
Georgia School of Technology

Your team is on the defense. The opponents are "whipping" the ball around with great ease—bang—bang—bang—bang—bang. The banging continues. The offense is hoping to out-manuever the defense—that is they pass the ball waiting for their opportunity to present itself—an opening. "Swish"—an offensive player is loose. There he is driving in for an easy lay-up and two points. What happened? In what way was the offensive player enabled to get behind his opponent?

In most instances the mistake was made by the player on the defense. Poor footwork or inattentiveness to his duty is the cause in ninety per cent of the cases. The laxness can be taken care of by the coach or individual, but what about the poor footwork?

Let us first consider the stance of the defensive player. Illustration number 1 shows the player with his feet too close together. He is not prepared to go either direction with the quick start which is necessary. It is the stance of "rest."

In illustration number 2 we see the player in an entirely different stance—used by some coaches—but one that throws the weight of the body almost entirely on the rear leg. It is our opinion that this position does not lend to the quick start.

At Georgia Tech we teach the defensive player to take the position as shown in illustration number 3. This stance is square, the weight of the body being thrown mainly on the front part of the foot. Now he is enabled to start in either direction. However, the stance is not all that is necessary to be learned. For instance suppose the player takes the correct stance and then starts his movement as in illustration number 4. He will lose out in most instances. The defensive man must accustom himself to react as in illustration number 5.

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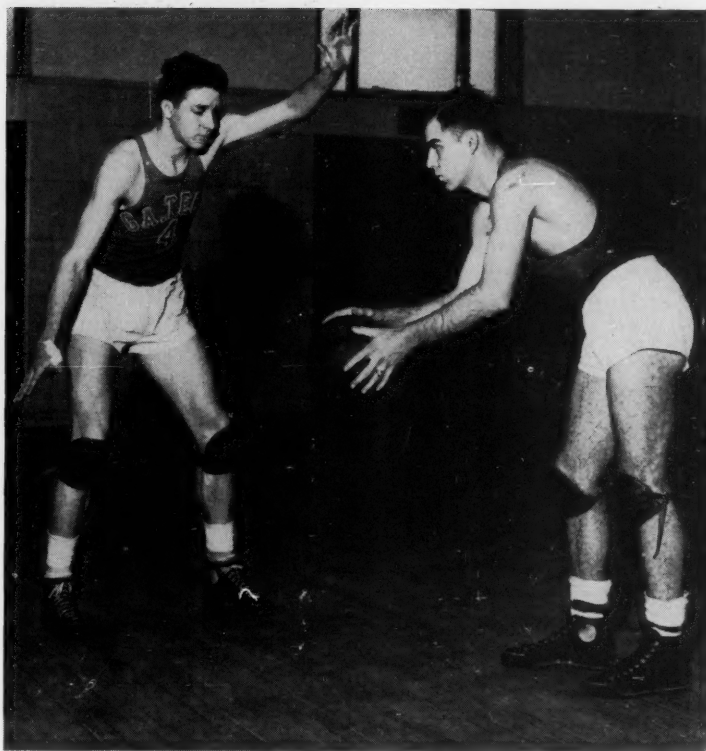


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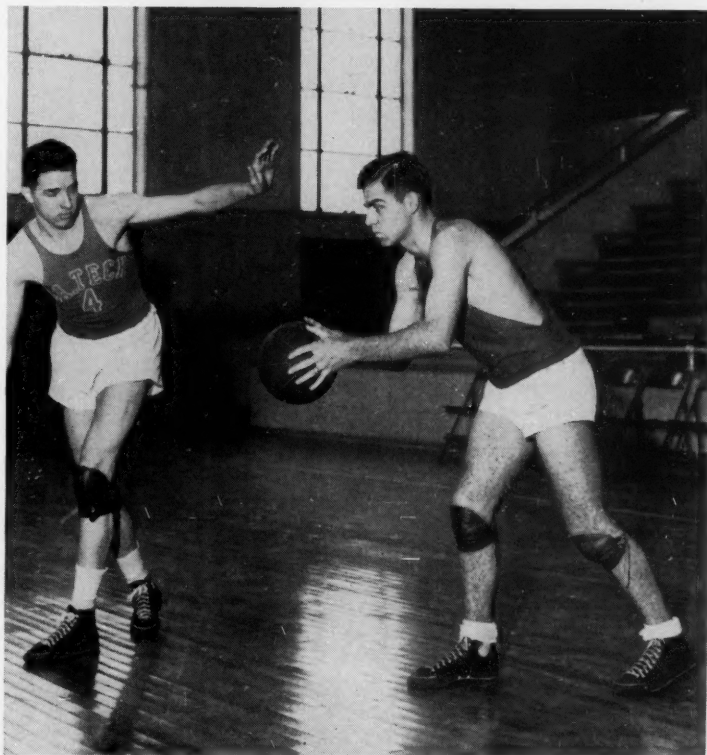


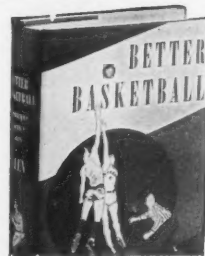
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## Practical books for coaches who want winning teams

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## Macon News-Mercer University Basketball Tournament

The first annual Mercer University-Macon Evening News invitation basketball tournament was held at Mercer University, January 25, 26, 27. The following teams were entered: Albany, Chester, Harrison, Preston, Caldwell, Baxley, Moultrie, Tennille, Ideal, Colquitt, Dublin, Marshallville, Wrightsville, Eastman, Oglethorpe, Lanier "B," Hawkinsville, Byron, Perry, Rhine, Dry Branch, Fort Valley, Pinehurst, Roberta, Sandersville, Vienna, Irwinton, Cairo, Montezuma, Unadilla, Hazlehurst, Cochran, Dudley, Forsyth, Jeffersonville, Cottondale, and Bonaire. From this field of 37 teams the following reached the semi-finals: Albany, Dublin, Perry and Montezuma. Albany defeated Dublin 24-7 and Perry defeated Montezuma 33-18 to reach the finals, where Perry outlasted Albany 28-23 to become the first Macon News-Mercer tourney champion.

The tournament was a great success and Ben Chatfield, the Macon Evening News and Mercer University

are to be congratulated on putting over this big affair in such splendid manner. It is to be an annual event and will become one of the sports highlights of this section and season.

The all-star teams and high scorers of the tournament follow:

### FIRST SQUAD

Jim Davis, Albany.....	Forward
Leroy Boswell, Perry.....	Forward
Roy Schultz, Albany.....	Forward
Robert Ozier, Montezuma.....	Center
Lamar Tucker, Moultrie.....	Center
Bob Holtzclaw, Perry.....	Guard
Dot Roughton, Perry.....	Guard
Pete Carlton, Moultrie.....	Guard
Coach—Huey Murphy of Moultrie.	

### SECOND SQUAD

Buddy Tolleson, Perry.....	Forward
Doc Luckie, Marshallville.....	Forward
Jack Suber, Moultrie.....	Center
Julian Cawthon, Perry.....	Center
Hugh Mills, Albany.....	Guard
Olin Kersey, Dublin.....	Guard
Charles Willis, Moultrie.....	Guard
Coach—Eric Staples, Perry.	

### HIGH SCORERS

	Field	Foul	Tot.
Games	Goals	Goals	Pts.
Shultz, Albany	4	17	12 46
Ozier, Montezuma	5	18	9 45
Boswell, Perry	5	19	5 43
Roughton, Perry	5	15	9 39
Griffin, Hazlehurst	4	17	2 36
Suber, Moultrie	4	15	8 38
Willis, Moultrie	4	16	3 35
Tolleson, Perry	5	12	11 35
Kersey, Dublin	5	15	5 35
Peacock, Cottondale	2	14	7 35
Carleton, Moultrie	4	14	4 32
Jones, Montezuma	5	12	5 29
Clark, Dublin	5	13	2 28
Barksdale, Sandersville	2	12	1 25
Lowery, Preston	2	11	5 27
Oltman, Baxley	2	11	6 28
Evans, Hazlehurst	4	13	2 29
Rentz, Hazlehurst	4	11	3 25
Tucker, Moultrie	4	12	0 24
Davis, Albany	4	12	1 25



ILLUSTRATION No. 5

### CORRECT FOOTWORK

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It is our opinion that this movement is by far the most important phase of good individual defensive tactics. Study the illustration (No. 5). The offensive player is attempting to pass to the right of the defensive man. The defensive player has had a square stance. He pivots on his left foot, drawing the right foot back and is now in a position to still be between "his man" and the goal. Should the offensive player attempt to pass to the left of the defensive man, he should pivot on his right foot, drawing the left to the rear.

Practice in the above movements will surely pay dividends. It may appear as a trifle, but such has not been our experience.

In the above illustrations we have shown the offensive player each time with the ball in his possession. The footwork discussed in this theme should be the same regardless as to whether the opponent has the ball.



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# Girls' Basketball League

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LOUIS BAKER  
Coach Sewell Service Team

This article is primarily written for you who have heard of but do not know that Atlanta is operating two Girls' Basketball Leagues.

These leagues were organized about four years ago by Mr. J. L. Harme, Miss Tommy Griffith, Miss Virginia Carmichael and W. H. McCalman, and to them we owe the success of the present leagues.

To begin with, the writer will discuss the fast girls' league which is known as Class A and consists of the following teams: Phillips Browne Sign Company, Sears Roebuck Company, Ike Sewell Service Station, Marsh Business College, A. G. Rhodes, General Shoe Corporation. The other girls' league known as Class B, consists of: Kirkwood Presbyterians, Confederate Avenue Baptists, Brookhaven A. C. W. of A., and Neighborhood Chapel.

In both of these leagues, keen competition and rivalry exist in playing this fast game, and a lasting friendship is made among the various players.

To list all the outstanding players

in both leagues would be impossible at this time. However, I will mention a few in both leagues that have played brilliant ball up to the present time.

In the fast league, I would pick the following players as forwards for their ability to score points under all types of guarding: Sara Killian, former Canton High School star; Iris Stone, former Monroe Aggie star; Leola Bagby, local star, and Marjorie Braswell, former Lithonia High School star, now playing with Sewell Service; V. Smith, B. Smith, Elinor Plaxico, playing with Sears, Roebuck and Company; Wright and Fouts, with Phillips Browne Sign Company; Snowdell Rainey, with General Shoe Company; Autrey and Adcock, with Marsh Business College; and Coursey of A. G. Rhodes. For guards, I would pick Carolyn Nash, Margaret Hornsby, with Sewell Service; Zee Hancock, Thelma Mattox, with Sears Roebuck and Company; Kate Duncan, Elizabeth Morris, with Phillips Browne Sign Company.

For outstanding players in Class B, which I have seen play, I would pick the following forwards: Eldore Marwitz, Evelyn Corowana, Kirkwood Presbyterian, Turner, Brookhaven. The outstanding guards are Elizabeth Reeves, Mary Louise Wright, with Kirkwood Presbyterian, and Huddleston of Brookhaven.

There are other outstanding players in these two leagues but the writer has not had an opportunity to see them play, and therefore is unable to mention their names at this time.

At the present time there is a three-way tie for first place in the fast Class A league between Phillips Browne Sign Company, Sears Roebuck and Company, and Sewell Service, each team having won four games and lost one, while Kirkwood Presbyterian is leading the Class B league with four won and no losses.

So, Mr. and Mrs. Reader, come out to see these games and have a good time. They are played on the following courts: Henry Grady, Mattox and Murphy High Schools.

## G.I.A.A. MINUTES

MACON, GEORGIA, JAN. 21, 1940

1. Roll Call. G. M. A., Richmond, Savannah, Benedictine, Lanier, Columbus, and Jordan answered the roll. Boys' High, Commercial and Monroe reported late due to an error of time in newspapers.

2. Treasurer reported a balance of \$155.81.

3. Mr. Austin, chairman of the committee appointed at the Dec. 2, 1939, meeting to study the new rule for turning in eligibility blanks, reported the following: Any Class A school of the G. H. S. A. that fails to postmark football eligibility blanks containing the information required by the G. H. S. A. to the district secretary by October 1 shall be suspended from the Association for one year, effective on the day of the district-at-large (G.I.A.A.) meeting, about Dec. 1 of that year. All games won or lost by the suspended school during that season shall be defaulted. Contracts for all contests between the suspended school and other G. H. S. A. schools shall be abrogated for the duration of the suspension. The district secretary shall instigate the proceedings against the offending school. (Sec. note: Corresponding dates for the eligibility blanks for other sports might be set with the above penalty for violation.) (Read Sec. 7, Article IV of the G. H. S. A. Bulletin.)

4. Motion by Mr. Markert: That the report of Mr. Austin be received as information and that the secretary notify all member schools and that action on the report be taken at the next meeting of the G.I.A.A. (Carried.)

5. The Junior Chamber of Commerce, through President David, submitted a bid to sponsor the 1940 basketball tournament in Columbus, Georgia, on Feb. 28, 29, and March 1, 2. They agree to accept the conditions as stated in the G.I.A.A. Minutes of Dec. 2, 1939. Motion by Mr. Markert: That the Columbus bid be accepted. (Carried.)

6. Motion by Mr. Buck: That basketball eligibility blanks be postmarked by Feb. 1. (Carried.)

7. Motion by Mr. Register: That basketball tournament pairings be released to the press immediately. (Carried.)

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# Split Minutes

## GEORGIA

By DWIGHT KEITH

*Secretary, Georgia Athletic Coaches Association*

Plans for the third annual coaching clinic will begin to take definite shape in about another month. The date will be the last week in August. Frank Thomas, of the University of Alabama, and Wallace Butts, of the University of Georgia, will coach the all-star football teams. Adolph Rupp of University of Kentucky and Elmer Lampe of University of Georgia will coach the all-star basketball teams. Coach William A. Alexander of Georgia Tech will again play the role of impromptu lecturer and chief counselor. George Griffin will be in charge of the program in track.

District directors should come to the G. E. A. meeting prepared to present the names of outstanding senior football and basketball players in their district the past year.

The Class A basketball tournament will be held in Columbus, February 28, 29, and March 1 and 2. The pairings are as follows: Lanier vs. Marist, Tech High vs. Darlington, Savannah vs. G. M. A., Jordan vs. Bye, Boys' High vs. Monroe, Riverside vs. Richmond, Benedictine vs. Rome, Commercial vs. Columbus.

Basketball is showing a decided upturn, in both team caliber and spectator interest. This is particularly true in North Georgia, a section that has been a little backward in this sport in past years. The Atlanta newspapers have done much to stimulate interest in this great writer sport, and the schools, both college and prep, appreciate this fine co-operation.

Atlanta, "the sports center of the South," is trying to solve the problem of providing an adequate place for the high schools of the city to play their football games. If this is done a stadium will probably be built that will accommodate great sports events that would enable the city to live up to her name.

Bill Bailey sends us the following information from Augusta:

Coach Roy E. Rollins of the  
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## FLORIDA

By L. L. McLUCAS

*Secretary*

Basketball is well under way and most teams have finished the first month's play and are now going into the home stretch with all eyes on the district and regional tournaments scheduled to be held the first week in March.

At this writing there are several teams that stand out as the leaders. In West Florida, Pensacola, Marianna, and Leon are heading the pack. In the Jacksonville area, Lee, Jackson, Bolles, and St. Paul's are the tops. In Central Florida, Orlando, Daytona, and Tavares are the stand-outs. In South Florida, Hillsborough, Plant, Miami Senior, Miami Beach, and Miami Edison are away out in front.

Chief contenders for the coming state championship are hard to pick at this time, but the most prominent possibilities seem to be Lee, Jackson, Orlando, Miami Senior and Miami Edison, with Bolles looming as the dark horse.

The Florida Coaches Association will hold its annual meeting in Orlando on March 28. The time and place of the meeting will be announced in the next issue of this magazine. Plans are now being formulated for a splendid meeting and just as soon as the details have been worked out an announcement will be made concerning the program and entertainment features.

Florida has lost three outstanding coaches within the past few weeks. Bennie Parker, who was head man at Pensacola, has resigned to take an assistant's job at The Citadel. Harry Greene, coach at Orlando High, has resigned to go into the insurance business. Howard Bishop of Gainesville resigned to go into politics and will be a candidate for County Superintendent of Public Instruction of Alachua County. These men will be missed by their fellow coaches and the entire membership of the coaches association wish them good luck and success in their new fields.

## NATIONAL AMATEUR TOURNAMENT

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The original plan for the present season was to take the national meet to Chattanooga, Tenn., but due to a demand by various civic organizations of the city, and a lack of interest by the Chattanooga Basketball Federation, it was decided to remain in the Georgia capital with this banner attraction.

An advisory committee composed of Bitsy Grant, tennis star; Charley Yates, former national amateur golf champion; Major Trammell Scott and others of equal importance, will have their work cut out in making this basketball tourney one of the greatest events in the history of the Southland.

A partial list of commissioners holding net gatherings in various sections of the country are: Mr. Art, Decatur, Ala.; Johnny Philips, Georgia; Blane Davis, Maine; John A. Mulloy, Maryland; Charles M. Oliver, Mississippi; David S. Lawrie, New Jersey; Gardner M. DeVoe, New York; Richard Covington, North Carolina; Ray Brooks, Oregon; Russell Tuckey, Pennsylvania; Fred Beecher, South Dakota; Tommy Thompson, Tennessee; A. Lee Smith, Virginia; and Michael A. Reilly, Wisconsin. Most of last year's states will again have representatives playing for the handsome \$500 trophy awarded to the winner. This award is given each year to the championship squad and becomes the permanent possession of the best team.

Professional basketball players are not allowed to compete in any competition of the A. B. C., but professionals in other sports may enter. Touring teams on the order of the Celtics, Renaissance, Waterloo Wonders and members of any professional league are not eligible.

Each team entering the national meet will receive a percentage of the gross receipts as a travel fund, with twenty per cent being awarded to the winning team. Ten per cent will be given the second place squad, while the third and fourth position holders will receive five and three per cent, respectively. An additional twelve per cent of the gross funds will be divided among all the teams as a mileage allowance according to the number of miles traveled.

An all-American team will be picked by a committee of sports scribes in Atlanta with each member receiving a handsome individual  
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# Hi Coach!



CHAS. L. DUNCAN

College coaches are humming "Suwannee River" as they study the road maps and draw a circle around Live Oak, Fla. There's a reason. From Suwannee High School has come Jimmy Nelson of Alabama, Wiggins of Perdue, Harvard of Stetson, Hackney of Davidson College, and many other outstanding players. This year they are graduating three or four more great prospects who are being sought by college scouts.

Coach Charles L. Duncan is the one-man coaching staff of Live Oak. He is a graduate of Birmingham-Southern College, where he played guard. Before coming to Live Oak, he coached two years at Double Springs, Ala., and two years at Jasper, Fla. He has been at Suwannee High the past five years, during which time his teams have won 41 games, lost nine and tied one. Coach Duncan uses the Notre Dame system and lays great stress on fundamentals. He has an understanding of boys and a personality that inspires confidence and impels loyalty. Mastery of fundamentals and high morale have carried Suwannee to the top in their conference.

## Abbreviated Football

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ers football an important part of the school curriculum and appropriates the funds for its upkeep.

The six-man coach often has only ten or twelve boys out for football. The welfare and condition of this handful of players must be carefully guarded in order that they be available for the games. Long scrimmage sessions are strictly taboo, for this is when injuries frequently occur. Danger of getting boys hurt in practice may be partially eliminated by the use of home-made blocking and tackling dummies, and by slowing down live-bait work to half or two-thirds speed.

Working with a small squad, the six-man coach can devote more time to each individual boy, and for this reason, six-man players have every opportunity to develop into better all-around performers than their eleven-man brothers in the large school, who do not get as much personal attention from their coach.

From his spot on the bench, the six-man coach has little difficulty following the play of his boys. With only twelve players on the field it is comparatively easy to observe the boys in their respective positions, and determine if they are carrying their share of the load on offense and defense.

There is no place for the loafer in six-man football.

The six-man end is one whole side of the line—guard, tackle and end combined. He must be a good blocker, a pass-grabber, and fast enough to carry the ball on end-around plays. A tall, rugged fellow—the nervous type with quick reactions—makes a good six-man end. Sometimes he plays a waiting game on defense, at other times he charges in fast to smear the play before it gets started.

The play of the six-man center on defense is similar to that of the defensive fullback, or line-backer, in eleven-man football. On the offensive he must not only be able to snap back the ball accurately, but also to catch passes, for in the six-man game he is an eligible receiver.

The short, quick pass over the line is featured in six-man football, and the defensive six-man center must be on his toes to cope with this offensive threat.

The three six-man backs are called quarterback, halfback, and fullback. The six-man back must be skilled in all departments of the game. He must be a good blocker, a clever ball-handler, able to run with the ball either to left or right, and the master of the cross-step, stiff-arm, change-of pace, pivot-away-from-tackler, and other devices used in open-field running. In addition he should be able to catch passes.

Although one boy usually excels in passing and carries the brunt of the aerial attack in games, a versatile six-man offense demands that the other backs also be able to fling the pigskin.

The six-man defense must be aggressive and wide-awake at all times. Every six-man player must be a sure tackler, and must be on the lookout for fumbles. Against passing teams, a man-to-man defense, similar to that of basketball, may be effectively employed.

Many followers of football prefer the six-man to the eleven-man game. The spectacular, open features of six-man appeal to the crowd. Action is packed into each minute of a six-man game, and the spectator sees everything that happens. Six-man football has no mass pile-ups, and few injuries.

College coaches the country over are enthusiastic about six-man football and are doing all in their power to promote the spread of the game. Biff Jones of Nebraska, Bernie Bierman of Minnesota, Dana X. Bible of Texas, Jim Crowley of Fordham, and Mal Stevens of New York University are top coaches who see a great future for six-man football.

Six-man has its own All American team, selected each year by the American Boy magazine (see February American Boy), which has been active in six-man promotional work.

Anything can happen in six-man football.

## TOURNAMENT PLAY

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the floor the same is true unless both teams are keyed to the same pitch. Then when that happens the team with the better fundamentals will invariably win.



# Saxon—Sports Pioneer



J. HAROLD SAXON

It is tournament time in Georgia. Scores of teams are competing in the district tournaments for the privilege of going to the state meet in Athens. At this time it will be of interest to many to know something of the history of the Georgia High School Association and some of the pioneers in the movement for better organization and administration of school activities.

The man who has probably done the most constructive work along this line is J. Harold Saxon, university high school inspector. He suggested and supervised the construction of the first basketball "shell" in Georgia while he was superintendent of the Moultrie schools. It was built in 1920 at a cost of \$6,500. The first boys' basketball tournament was held there that year, and the first girls' tournament was held the following year. About 25 teams were entered in each tournament, and Charlie Morgan of Macon was the referee.

The Southwest Georgia High School Athletic Association was organized in 1920, made up of accredited high schools from the Second, Eleventh (now Eighth), Third Districts and Leon High School (Tallahassee, Fla.). The purpose of the organization was to take control of athletics out of the hands of the "drug store cowboys" and to put the control in the superintendent and

principals just as every other high school activity. Mr. Saxon served as president of this Southwest Georgia Association for three years. Other superintendents active in the organization and success of the Southwest were the late Superintendent Roland Brooks, Albany; H. M. Mills, Albany; Superintendent B. B. Broughton, Principal H. R. Mahler, Coach "Doc" Harper, Thomasville; Superintendent E. G. Elcan, Bainbridge; A. G. Cleveland, Valdosta; J. L. Yaden, Moultrie; L. R. "Jap" Towson, then from Pavo, now at Georgia Southwestern College, Americus; Superintendent C. U. Leach, Sylvester; Superintendent Bert Rumble, Edison, now at Shellman; Superintendent T. H. Wilkinson, of Pelham; Hope Davis, Barwick; Eugene Attaway, Sale City; and others.

After three years it became evident that a state-wide organization was necessary and the Southwest was absorbed by the Georgia High School Association which up to that time had control only of literary and track events.

The Georgia High School Association was organized by the late Dr. Joseph Stewart in 1907. The preamble to the Constitution adopted at that time still stands as the objective of the Association. From the original membership of a handful of schools the membership has grown to nearly 500 with an enrollment of approximately 85,000. Only those schools which are accredited are eligible for membership.

Responsibility for inter-scholastic contest both literary and athletic is now entirely controlled by the constituted school officials and teachers and the public must hold them responsible for clean athletics, fair play, courtesy, self control and friendly relations with opposing schools.

Mr. Saxon graduated from Emory University, and has his M.A. degree from Mercer. He began his school work as principal of Decatur High School in 1914. He then served as principal and superintendent at Moultrie for ten years, then Quitman claimed ten years of his service as superintendent. He went to Athens as University High School Inspector in 1937. He is a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity, D. V. S. Honor Society, Emory, former member of the State Board of Education, and served as president of the Georgia Education Association. It was during his administration that the seven months school law and the free text book law were enacted. He was football coach at Moultrie and won the championship two years while there. He is a life member of G. E. A., a Mason, and a Methodist. He is a true Saxon and one of the best friends of amateur athletics in Georgia.

## BASKET SHOOTING

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One of the finest rules to follow in coaching I received from Dr. H. C. Carlson, basketball coach at University of Pittsburgh, at a coaching school several years ago. Dr. Carlson was relating an incident in his life before he started his coaching career. He was playing for some Y. M. C. A. basketball team and he noticed that after each game the coach would come to some individual and make this statement: "I have told you a thousand times to do so and so." Dr. Carlson stated that the one rule he has often applied is "not to tell them a thousand times and have them do it once, but to tell them once and have them do it a thousand times."

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By S. F. BURKE, Secretary-Treasurer

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### THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

May I take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the fine cooperation you have given me in the work of the Georgia High School Association so far.

In attempting to solve the problems that have arisen, your Executive Committee and I have followed the course which was considered desirable by the members of our Association. We have worked in all sincerity for the maintenance of the high standards which you have helped to set up.

I urge you to study your Bulletin, containing the Constitution and By-Laws, carefully. Should any member wish to amend the Constitution or By-Laws, be sure that the amendment is in the hands of the State Secretary, S. F. Burke, Thomaston, Ga., by the proper time. A committee will be appointed to study them and present them at the state meet.

Now that basketball season has started, all member schools are urged to adhere strictly to the rules of the Association. Our boys and girls are looking to us, as the administrative heads of our schools, for guidance. Let us all work together to maintain the high standards which we have set up for ourselves.—

F. E. Barron, President, Georgia High School Association, Homerville, Ga.

### SCHEDULE DATES, 1940

Feb. 25—Final date for schools to notify district secretary of intentions to enter debate (p. 27, item 9).

Feb. 25—All district basketball tournaments (boys) must be completed prior to this date (p. 37, sec. 5).

Feb. 28—Latest date for the district secretaries to file reports of winning basketball teams with eligibility certificate at the State Office, Athens, Ga. (p. 16, item 10; p. 37, sec. 5).

Mar. 1—Submit proposed changes in the Constitution to the state secretary by this date (p. 11, sec. 7).

Mar. 7, 8, 9—State Basketball Tournament—B, C, and D, at Athens, Ga. (p. 37, sec. 5).

Mar. 10—District secretaries notify schools of groupings for the various preliminary district debates (p. 27, item 9).

Mar. 24—Preliminary district debates (p. 28, sec. c). Ties to be settled the following Friday.

Mar. 25—District secretaries notify State Office, Athens, Ga., of the number of schools entering spelling contests (p. 25, item 7b).

Apr. 1—State secretary send to district presidents proposed changes in the Constitution (p. 11, sec. 7).

Apr. 1—District secretaries notify State Office, Athens, Ga., of:

1. Place of district meets—literary and athletic. 2. Number of home economics contests needed. 3. Number of schools entering reading contest.

4. Person to whom home economics and reading contests shall be sent.

Apr. 3—District spelling contests (p. 24, item 7a).

Apr. 19, 20—Dates for district literary and track meets (p. 37, sec. 5).

Apr. 22—Final date for district secretaries to file with the State Office, Athens, Ga., a list of the winners in the district literary and track meets (p. 16, item 10).

Apr. 22—Final date for the district secretaries to file with the State Office at Athens, Ga., a certificate of the schools entering the various state events—Art, Violin, Golf, and Shop (p. 32, State Events: Golf).

Apr. 26—All exhibits or work in Art must be in Athens, Ga., by this date (p. 31, Art Scholarship).

May 2, 3, 4—State literary and track meet, Athens, Ga. State executive committee meeting.

Dates and places for the various Group A events will be announced later by Marvin J. Jones, secretary of the District-at-Large, following the January meeting of the District-at-Large.

All communications to the State Office in Athens, Ga., should be addressed to J. Harold Saxon, State High School Office, University of Georgia, Athens, Ga.

All communications to the state secretary should be addressed to S. F. Burke, Box 390, Thomaston, Ga.

References in parentheses after schedule dates refer to pages and sections in the Bulletin of Constitution and By-Laws for 1939-40.

### PIANO CONTEST

There is a correction to be made in the Bulletin in regard to the piano contest. The second selection on page 21 should read:

Mendelssohn—Spinning Song No. 24 (Opus 67, No. 4). (Songs Without Words.)

### REGISTRATION OF TEACHERS

The State Executive Committee has unanimously adopted a resolution to attempt to register and to qualify as a voter every eligible school teacher in the state. In each county in each district chairmen have been designated to conduct this drive. The object is to register and to qualify as voters the eligible teachers but yet in no way to attempt to direct or to influence any teacher as to how the ballot may be cast.

Much progress has been made in the state. Have you pushed this drive in your school? Have you reported to your chairman? There is need for haste in this matter, as county primaries will be held at an early date in many counties.

### TENNIS

A change was made at the spring meeting in Athens last year whereby tennis will count for points in winning the athletic cup in the district (Continued on Page 18)

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and state meets. The new tennis regulation will be found on page 37 of the Bulletin. Under this regulation a boy or a girl may play in both singles and doubles provided the matches are not played on the same day.

The State Executive Committee has ruled that in as much as tennis counts towards the athletic cup, it shall count as an event. If a boy participates in both singles and doubles the only other track event he may enter will be the relay. If he participates in one of the tennis events he may enter the relay and one other track event.

### CERTIFICATION FOR STATE EVENTS

The state events are: Art, Violin, Golf, and Shop. Last year there was considerable confusion in regard to certification of entries in these events. Students are eligible to participate upon certification of the superintendent or principal through the district secretary to the State Office in Athens, Ga.

All schools entering state events will make their entries through the district secretary who will certify these entries at the same time that he makes his report to the State Office for the winners of the district meet.

### CHANGES IN THE CONSTITUTION

Last year a number of proposed changes in the Constitution were not considered because the proposed changes had not been submitted according to the adopted procedure. Any school has a right to submit a change. Any proposed change must be submitted in writing to the state secretary not later than March 1, 1940. These proposed changes will be submitted by the state secretary to the district president not later than April 1, 1940. This will allow time for the proposed changes to be submitted to the various districts at the district meet. Several proposed changes have already been received.

### LITERARY EVENTS

Several complaints were made last spring that in some of the districts the proper officials were not provided for in some of the literary contests, and that the time limits were not enforced in some of the events. On page 19, section 1, of the Bulletin, is a list of the officials required for the literary contests.

### GOLF

Special attention is directed to the

change in the golf meet. The golf meet for this spring will be run off by qualifying rounds for match elimination. Players will qualify for flights and trophies will be given for the winner and runner-up in each flight. There will be a trophy for low medalist. Both boys and girls may enter golf on the basis of separate competition.

### TRACK AND LITERARY TROPHIES

There will be a permanent trophy given in the state meet in both literary and track. This will become the property of the school scoring the most points in the winning district.

## SPLIT MINUTES

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Junior College Basketball squad, has at one time been one of the most outstanding athletes of the South in winning letters at football, basketball, and track at Elon College. Coach Rollins can always be depended on to produce a winning team, or at least one that can give a good account of itself. The Junior College team has not been so successful this year, however. Harry Popkin and Jack Bishop have been the outstanding players so far this year, scoring the most points of any other players on the team.

So far this season the Richmond Academy basketball squad has succeeded in winning a majority of their games, winning over Savannah High, Commercial High of Atlanta, Bishop England of Charleston, and Carlisle High of Bamberg, S. C. Other small schools complete the list of victims of the Academy outfit. Coach Wendell Sullivan has something about his teaching ability that causes a boy to play his heart out for him. He is a superb coach and in the opinion of many Augustans he would make some large college a fine coach, whether it be basketball or football.

Clinton Strother, a six-foot-four-inch wonder, has shown himself to be plenty in the running for G. I. A. A. honors, and if he doesn't make them he'll surprise a lot of us. Jack Bishop also promises to be poison along the basketball court.

Concerning the Junior College Girls' Basketball team, Coach Charlie Royston stated that his girls were doing "fair." They have won seven and have lost only two.

## NATIONAL AMATEUR TOURNAMENT

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trophy emblematic of his superior rating. The initial tournament team was composed of Schneider of Bismarck, N. D., and "Nod" Adams of Brown, Froman of Louisville, Ky., at forwards. "Red" Conner, six-foot-seven-inch center of Dallas, was placed at the pivot post. Finnegan of North Dakota and D. Ravkind from Dallas were awarded the guard positions.

The Georgia state tournament will be held in Atlanta from February 19 through 22, and will be staged at the Fulton High School gymnasium. This meet is open to any team in the state which is not classed as a professional organization.

## G. I. A. A. MINUTES

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8. Cliff McGaughey, Charley Royston, R. L. Doyal and Geo. Jenkins were recommended for tournament officials by the coaches present, \$60 to be paid to out-of-town officials and \$40 to local officials.

9. Next meeting to be held at noon in Columbus, on Feb. 29. Mr. David to make the arrangements.

10. Adjourned.

MARVIN JONES, *Sec.-Treas.*

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## Y.M.C.A. Tournament

Teams from the eight associations in the state will gather at Athens on Saturday, March 2, for the annual Georgia Y. M. C. A. junior basketball tournament to battle for the championships now held by Savannah and Columbus.

Savannah, which was represented by the Jefferson A. C. in 1938 and 1939, is defender in the Junior (17-and-under) division. Columbus triumphed in the Prep (14-and-under) and Midget (12-and-under) classes in the tournament at Augusta last year.

Savannah won its second straight Junior title by defeating Atlanta in a game which saw no substitutions, 30-22. Previously the Jeffersons had swamped Augusta, 41-17. Atlanta salvaged another second place in the Prep division, winning from Augusta while Columbus was defeating Savannah, before losing in the finals. Columbus' Midget championship was earned easily, in games over Augusta and Athens.

Each association in the state will enter one team in each division, with ten men on each roster. Ten medals will be awarded to each championship team and a trophy will go to second place teams.

Nick Mamalakis is chairman of the state basketball committee. L. H. Cunningham, director at the Athens Y. M. C. A., is director of the tournament.

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